

Do I qualify? Investing Dutch SMEs

To receive support from the DGGF part Investing Dutch SMEs, you must qualify for at least the following conditions.

Business

- You must have a Dutch-registered business that carries out substantial activities in the Netherlands.
- You must be an SME (according to the [European definition](#)).
- You must comply with the [ICSR framework](#) for international corporate social responsibility.
- The business may not apply tax planning techniques to artificially lower its taxable earnings in the source country by relocating them to a low-tax jurisdiction.

Project

- You must have a robust business plan that explains how you will repay the loan. The DGGF finances viable projects only. All loans must be matched by a certain amount of risk on your part, e.g. in the form of a capital contribution.
- Your investment must contribute to the sustainable economic development of the DGGF country. This means you must contribute to local employment, production capacity and/or knowledge transfer.
- You can apply for up to €10 million.
- You must invest in a [DGGF country](#).
- The DGGF prefers to cofinance projects with a commercial bank.

Application

If you comply with the DGGF conditions and think your project is eligible, then complete the eligibility screening tool '[Quickscan](#)' for your project idea.

Not suitable for DGGF yet?

Not all projects are suitable for financial assistance from the DGGF. Another scheme might be more appropriate for your project:

- If you first wish to learn more about a local market or a project's feasibility, you might be eligible for the [DHI scheme](#) (in Dutch) (demonstration projects, feasibility studies and knowledge acquisition).
- Are you looking for a business partner in a developing country? The [MMF matchmaking facility](#) and [Business partner scan](#) (in Dutch) brings businesses in developing countries in touch, at their request, with businesses in the Netherlands in order to strengthen business ties and potential alliances.